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MEMORANDUM BY: Deputy Director (Intelligence)  
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Assistant Director for Communications

SUBJECT : CIA's Implementation of NSC-169, Electromagnetic Communications

1. On 27 October 1953, NSC-169, as approved by the President, was transmitted to all appropriate executive departments and agencies, including the Central Intelligence Agency, for implementation.

2. With respect to the Central Intelligence Agency, NSC-169 directs that: (References to appropriate sections of NSC-169 are indicated in parenthesis).

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a. The [REDACTED] pilot operation now being conducted by CIA will be carried forward, and the results analyzed and made available by CIA on a need-to-know basis as rapidly as possible. (3 a.)

b. CIA will provide appropriate liaison for furnishing the Department of Defense data, as requested, on Soviet communications operations. (4 a.)

c. CIA will implement the plan for a clearing house on foreign usage of the radio spectrum. (5 a and Annex B)

d. CIA, in conjunction with the Department of State, the Department of Defense, and the U.S. Information Agency, and under the coordination of the Operations Coordinating Board, shall establish an effective mechanism for intelligence evaluation of information concerning the technical effectiveness of U. S. international broadcasting, particularly to the Soviet Bloc. (8 a.)

e. CIA shall support the Operations Coordinating Board in determining the feasibility of evaluating the program effectiveness of U.S. international broadcasting and shall support such evaluation if it is determined to be feasible. (8 c.)

f. CIA shall provide the technical intelligence support to the evaluating mechanism and to the related activities of the Operations Coordinating Board under NSC-169, and shall provide the cut-out for highly classified activities, including those of the National Security Agency, making such information available on a need-to-know basis after proper safeguards have been taken. (8 c.)

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3. Within the Agency, the undersigned agree that responsibility for implementation of the foregoing is allocated as follows:

25X1A2g a. The AD/C will continue to have primary responsibility for carrying forward the [REDACTED] pilot operation and related monitoring activities. As the flow of information from this operation increases, he will make the analyzed results available to the AD/SI for correlation, evaluation and dissemination on a need-to-know basis as rapidly as possible. Paragraph 2a. above.

b. The DD/P will support the Operations Coordinating Board in determining the feasibility of evaluating the program effectiveness of U.S. international broadcasting and will support such evaluation if it is undertaken. Paragraph 2 e. above.

c. The DD/I will have primary responsibility for the implementation of the following responsibilities, to be carried out by the officers indicated:

25X1A2g (1) The AD/SI will correlate and evaluate the analyzed results of the [REDACTED] pilot operation received from the AD/C and disseminate finished intelligence based thereon on a need-to-know basis, as rapidly as possible. Paragraph 2 a. above.

25X1A2g (2) The AD/SI will provide pertinent collateral information on Soviet EMW activities to the [REDACTED] pilot operation as necessary to assist in the carrying forward of that program. Paragraph 2 a. above.

(3) The AD/SI will provide appropriate liaison for furnishing the Department of Defense data, as requested, on Soviet communications operations. The AD/RR will assist in this liaison as requested by the AD/SI. Paragraph 2 b. above.

(4) The AD/C R will be responsible for the establishment and maintenance of the Central Usage File in accordance with the plan submitted by this Agency to the Office of Defense Mobilization on 22 September 1953. Paragraph 2 c. above.

(5) The AD/SI will be responsible for establishing an effective mechanism for intelligence evaluation of information concerning the technical effectiveness of the U.S. international broadcasting, particularly to the Soviet Bloc. The plan for the establishment of this mechanism should be coordinated with the Operations Coordinating Board, the Department of State, the Department of Defense, and the U.S. Information Agency. Paragraph 2 d. above.

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(5) The AD/SI will be responsible for providing technical intelligence support to the evaluation mechanism and to the related activities of the Operations Coordinating Board under NSC-169. The cut-out for highly classified activities will be effected by the AD/CD or the AD/SI in accordance with the nature of the material involved and the prospective use. In either case, the cut-out of information obtained from the National Security Agency will be coordinated with and approved by the AD/CI. Paragraph 2 f. above.

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4. To insure that the foregoing allocation of responsibilities is properly coordinated and to insure that all Agency responsibilities under NSC-169 are fully discharged, an intra-Agency advisory committee should be established under the chairmanship of the AD/SI and composed of representatives from all interested Offices, including DD/P. This committee will provide advice and guidance to the various Offices of the Agency in the implementation of responsibilities under NSC-169 and will coordinate the preparation of such CIA reports as may be requested, from time to time, upon the status of progress under NSC-169. The committee will further be responsible for insuring proper coordination of CIA activities under NSC-169 with OCB and other departments and agencies of the government, using such means as may be most appropriate.

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